

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph starting at page 4, line 11 and ending at line 14 has been amended as follows.

The present invention has been made in consideration of the aforementioned problems, and ~~has as its object to~~ can detect an image of interest in an image file by a method with a lighter processing load.

The paragraph starting at page 4, line 15 and ending at line 18 has been amended as follows.

~~It is another object of the~~ The present invention ~~to~~ can also detect an image of interest in an image file by a method with a lighter processing load irrespective of the input image size.

The paragraph starting at page 5, line 4 and ending at line 7 has been amended as follows.

~~It is still another object of the~~ The present invention ~~to~~ can also optimize the feature amount determination method, and ~~to~~ allow perfect extraction of an image of interest free from any losses.

The paragraph starting at page 5, line 16 and ending at line 20 has been amended as follows.

~~It is another object of the~~ The present invention to ~~can further~~ detect an image of interest by a method with a lighter processing load making determination using the characteristics of a quantization table upon detecting an image of interest in an image file.

The paragraph starting at page 5, line 26 and ending at page 6, line 2 has been amended as follows.

~~It is another object of the~~ The present invention to ~~can still further~~ acquire information required for appropriate correction even for a person face image or the like, which is out of focus.